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Draft report of the Committee on Negotiations with Intergovernmental Agencies

1. On the recommendation of the Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 254 (LXIII) of 3 August 1977, the General Assembly approved, by its resolution 32/156 of 19 December 1977, the Agreement on Cooperation and Relationships between the United Nations and the World Tourism Organization.

2. By a letter dated 21 December 2001 from the Secretary-General of the World Tourism Organization addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations (E/2002/5), the World Tourism Organization requested the initiation of the process of its transformation into a specialized agency of the United Nations.

3. At its substantive session of 2002, the Economic and Social Council considered this request, and by its resolution 2002/24 of 24 July 2002, authorized the President of the Council to appoint from among States members of the Council, in consultation with the chairmen of the regional groups, the members of the Committee on Negotiations with Intergovernmental Agencies. The following States members were appointed:* Andorra, Argentina, Chile, Egypt, Ethiopia, France, India, Italy, Jamaica, Malaysia, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Romania, Russian Federation, Senegal, South Africa, Ukraine and Zimbabwe. The Gambia, Indonesia, Mexico, Morocco and Spain participated as observers. The Council furthermore requested the Committee to meet at an appropriate time to negotiate with the World Tourism Organization a relationship agreement between the United Nations and WTO (Tourism), on the basis of proposals submitted by the Secretary-General, and to submit a draft relationship agreement between the United Nations and WTO (Tourism) for the consideration of the Council at its substantive session of 2003.

4. The Committee on Negotiations with Intergovernmental Agencies met at United Nations Headquarters from 26 March to 7 April 2003. It held ___ meetings (106th to ___ meetings). The list of participants is contained in document E/C.1/2003/INF.1.

* Benin, Burundi, the Congo, Ghana, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mozambique and Uganda indicated that they wish also to participate.

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5. The President of the Council opened the first meeting (106th meeting) on 26 March 2003. At that meeting, the Committee elected Marco Balarezo (Peru) Chairman of the Committee.

6. For the purpose of negotiating the relationship agreement, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Letter dated 21 December 2001 from the Secretary-General of the World Tourism Organization addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations (E/2002/5);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General containing the text of the draft relationship agreement between the United Nations and the World Tourism Organization (E/C.1/2003/1).

7. The Committee considered the text of the draft relationship agreement (E/C.1/2003/1) at its 106th to ___ meetings, on 26 March and ___ 2003, and approved it, with a number of amendments.

8. At its ___ meeting, on ___, the Committee decided to authorize its Chairman to prepare the report of the Committee and to submit it to the Economic and Social Council. At the same meeting, the Committee agreed to transmit the suggested amendments to the draft text to the WTO (Tourism) Committee for its consideration.

9. Pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 2002/24, the Committee on Negotiations with Intergovernmental Agencies herewith submits its report to the Council. The text of the draft agreement as negotiated by the committee is contained in the annex to the present report and will be submitted for the approval of the Council.